

Minutes of PU-møte 23.09.2020

Invited: Mathias Ziegler, Bianca Cecilie Nygård, Stefan Johansson, Arvid Lundervold, Charalampos Tzoulis, Johanna Lepland, Marta Espevold Hjelmeland, Anni Vedeler, Ruth Brenk, Inari Kursula, Siri Tangen Aaserud

Attended: Anni Vedeler, Arvid Lundervold, Inari Kursula, Mathias Ziegler, Stefan Johansson, Ruth Brenk, Johanna Lepland, Marta Espevold, Siri Tangen Aaserud

1	Minutes from January 2020 for approval No comments and thus approved																																															
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3	The spring semester – Measures due to the Covid-19 pandemic - Contact with students: Siri and Anni were in extensive contact with the master's students due to many uncertain issues related to the courses and exams. - Financial help to foreign students: We put a lot of effort into obtaining scholarships to the international students due to the Covid-19 pandemic. They had to get their applications checked and approved by us to be able to receive a putative short-term scholarship from the UoB. All applicants from our department obtained a scholarship.																																															

	- Digital teaching: All things considered, digital teaching went well and was implemented a few days after the lock-down of UoB. - Exams: We went from grades (A-F) to pass/fail in the spring semester
4	BMED320 Since Inari Kursula is the leader of BMED320 and this course is the most important for all master's students, we would like to include Inari Kursula as a permanent member of the PU. Mathias Ziegler approves this change. We will look into how the rules deciding how members of the PU are chosen. Siri will look into this: here is a link: https://www.uib.no/med/64214/programutvalg-biomedisin#sammensetning. This will be on the agenda for the next PU meeting. We would also like to suggest that Arne Tjølsen becomes a permanent member of the PU. - Change the name of BMED320: "Methods in biomedical research/science" was the proposal for a new name from Inari Kursula. It was decided to use Research and not Science in the name. Thus, the new name of BMED320 is now "Methods in Biomedical Research". The name of the course should be changed in all appropriate contexts. This change of name would probably help to find supervisors for the 8-week practical lab course which is part of BMED320. - Supervisors for the 8-week projects: This year it has been easier to obtain supervisors for these projects. Mathias and Arne supported Inari in her efforts to find supervisors. Inari has made an overview over who has supervised students and when, so that the supervisors can consequently obtain information on which year they are expected to provide the 8-week student courses. The formal decision by the student as to which master's project he/she would like to pick should be done after the 8-week project. Can K1/K2 take some of these students on an optional basis? Some research groups at the K1/K2 departments are positive towards being included as supervisors for the 8-week projects. This should be discussed at the department leader level together with PU. Inari is positive towards this. The Center of Pharmacy spends one day where the research groups present themselves and their projects, whereafter the students choose their master's projects. The Department of Molecular Biology held a similar presentation, but the students were overwhelmed by all the data presented. Mathias thinks we should encourage the students to make contacts with the research group(s) that have projects of interest. One suggestion from student representatives was to present the master's projects using posters. Can we demand that groups have to accept students for the 8-week projects in order to obtain master's students? Stefan suggested that PhD candidates/post docs should be given a formal certificate if they participate in the supervision of the 8-week lab projects. Ruth and Stefan both suggested that the formal assignment of the master's thesis contract should not take place before the 8-week courses are finished. This will be on the agenda for the next PU meeting, as well. Siri will find out how to formally incorporate this.

	- Contact with the programme censor: It was planned that the programme censor from Uppsala University, Prof. Kristofer Rubin, would visit the Department this June. We have not heard from him. Anni will contact him as a follow up.
5	Minimum number of students to offer a master's course: Donald Gullberg has demanded that he has to have a minimum of 10 students in order to offer his BMED330 course. This is an important course in the master's programme. If there are fewer students, maybe the class can be changed. Anni will talk to Donald. We don't think the number of the participants will decrease, and if it happens, he can incorporate changes.
6	From the master's students: Everyone has started on their projects. They are prepared for another lock down, although we don't think this will happen.
7	Miscellaneous: - Programme evaluation next year - Measures for the autumn exams - Special curriculum – guidelines